First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

April 2, 2023
10:00 am

Palm Sunday

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:40 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
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- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Hybrid Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

RINGING THE BELL — **MARTY KLEINO**

PRELUDE — *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud — **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"In a Sentimental Mood"
By Duke Ellington

WELCOME — **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — **PASTOR LIZ**

- **This is the first Sunday of the month; we will be sharing communion during the service. Please gather your own elements. Creativity is a blessing!**
- **Community sharing of other announcements:**
  - Worship Leader is **Barbara Garland**.
  - Greeters are **Kiki Fugate** (Roomie) and **Dan Kidder-McQuown** (Zoomie)
  - **Pastor Liz** and **Dan** will introduce folks in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

Today—the first Sunday of the month--we celebrate the birthdays of folks in our faith community born in this month by singing "Happy Birthday". Deloris Emerson, 4-7; Ron Horvath, 4-8; Barbara Garland, 4-23; Wanda Wysor, 4-24; Brad Turner, 4-25; Maggie Crawford. ***If you have a birthday this month, let us know so we can sing to you too.***

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN — *Microphone muted.Standing or seated optional — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Every Step of the Way"
66 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP — *Responsive — **BARBARA GARLAND**

Leader: We tell your story
We follow in your footsteps.

People: Lead us into Holy Week.

Leader: We walk towards the city.
We wait in the garden.

People: Lead us onto Holy Ground.

Leader: We journey towards death.
We hope for resurrection.

People: Lead us into Holy Joy.

HYMN *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Mantos y Ramos"
"Filled with Excitement"
214 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29** **BARBARA GARLAND**
Philippians 2:5-11

SECOND READING **Matthew 21:1-11** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Este es el dia"
"This Is the Day"
65 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"Palm Sunday-Passion Sunday"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording (button with two vertical lines)
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted

Christ, you entered the city as a poor man, not in style but simply,
yet still you caused an uproar, and questions everywhere.
You drew the expectations of a hungry crowd,
and brought buried conflicts to light.
May we, who are sometimes swayed by the crowd's approval,
and who often avoid conflict for fear of its cost to us,
hold fast to the gospel of peace and justice.
We will follow faithfully in your way of compassion and solidarity
with those who are poor and excluded, wherever it may lead us.
Amen

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING **PASTOR LIZ**

When God approaches. Let us reach out to our God. Let us give our gifts.

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

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Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"I Worship You, Almighty God"** **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

By Sondra Corbett-Wood

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v,2, 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **BARBARA GARLAND**

O Holy One, Bless these gift so the world may know your love,
Even when we are silent.
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *Microphone muted Seated **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

Jesus Is Here Right Now
348 NCH

COMMUNION SERVICE **PASTOR LIZ**

No matter who you are and where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Christ's table!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING **PASTOR LIZ**

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
213 NCH

BENEDICTION (Responsive) **PASTOR LIZ**

Leader: Go into the world to find your voice.

People: Listening to what God will do.

Leader: Go into the world to find each other.

People: Reaching out when we need support.

Leader: Go into the world be amazed.

People: Knowing God is always with us.

POSTLUDE **"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"** **VISHNU SRINIVAS**
By Martin Luther

PASSING THE PEACE *Stop Zoom Recording (square button) **FRIENDS GATHERED**

*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Vishnu Srinivas, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, MID Ministry Intern
Barbara Garland, Worship Leader/Greeter
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer

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ATTRIBUTIONS FOR TODAY'S BULLETIN

- **Cover Art:** Xavier Coiffic in *Unsplash*
- **Call to Worship:** Ruth Burgess in *Eggs and Ashes* (adapted)
- **Disciples Prayer:** Kathy Galloway in *Eggs and Ashes* (adapted)
- **Invitation to Offering, Prayer of Dedication, and Benediction:** Rev. Elsa Cook, *UCC Worship Ways* (adapted)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or text Pastor Liz, 734-358-6108.

Worship Next Week: **Worship Leader, Ellie Gusman; Greeters, Donna Eyster** (Roomie) and **Dan Kidder-McQuown** (Zoomie).

Looking ahead:

- **April 23-** Faith & Labor collaboration. Tad Wysor will share work being done by the AFL-CIO, *Labor in the pulpit….* and how that relates to **the** alliance WeROC is forging between the faith community and unions locally, as well as WeROC's support of those struggling for fair working conditions and a living wage, as Grad Workers resort to work stoppage.
- **April 30-** Our immigration story. It was 15 years ago on Palm Sunday afternoon in 2008 that immigration enforcement officials and local police converge on a large immigrant community in Ypsilanti. Agents forced their way into homes; people were beaten, and many arrested. Melanie Harner was at one of those homes and will re-tell the story that led to the call for justice for our neighbors. She will share the WICIR (the interfaith coalition) journey moving forward and the continuing struggle to realize justice and peace immigrants among us.

Holy Grounds Ministry is expanding to include **"Tea for the Soul"** which has begun for night staff at Trinity Health Ann Arbor (St. Joe's). Chaplain Dan Kidder-McQuown will be serving hot tea and snacks on different units in addition to good coffee.

Below are the items we will be needed (through June) and identified by Dan:

- Loose leaf tea from local shops, i.e., black teas, green teas, and herbal (no caffeine) teas.
- Individual large tea filters, usually sold in 100 count packages.
- Local roasted coffee
- Snacks that go well with tea

OUR MINISTRIES

HOLY GROUNDS AND TEA FOR THE SOUL

During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at Trinity Health St. Joe Mercy Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night chaplain. While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout. The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry of hospitality and caring.

Please consider donating coffee that is roasted by local Michigan companies. Tea and single packaged candy or snacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com or 517-240-8413.

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

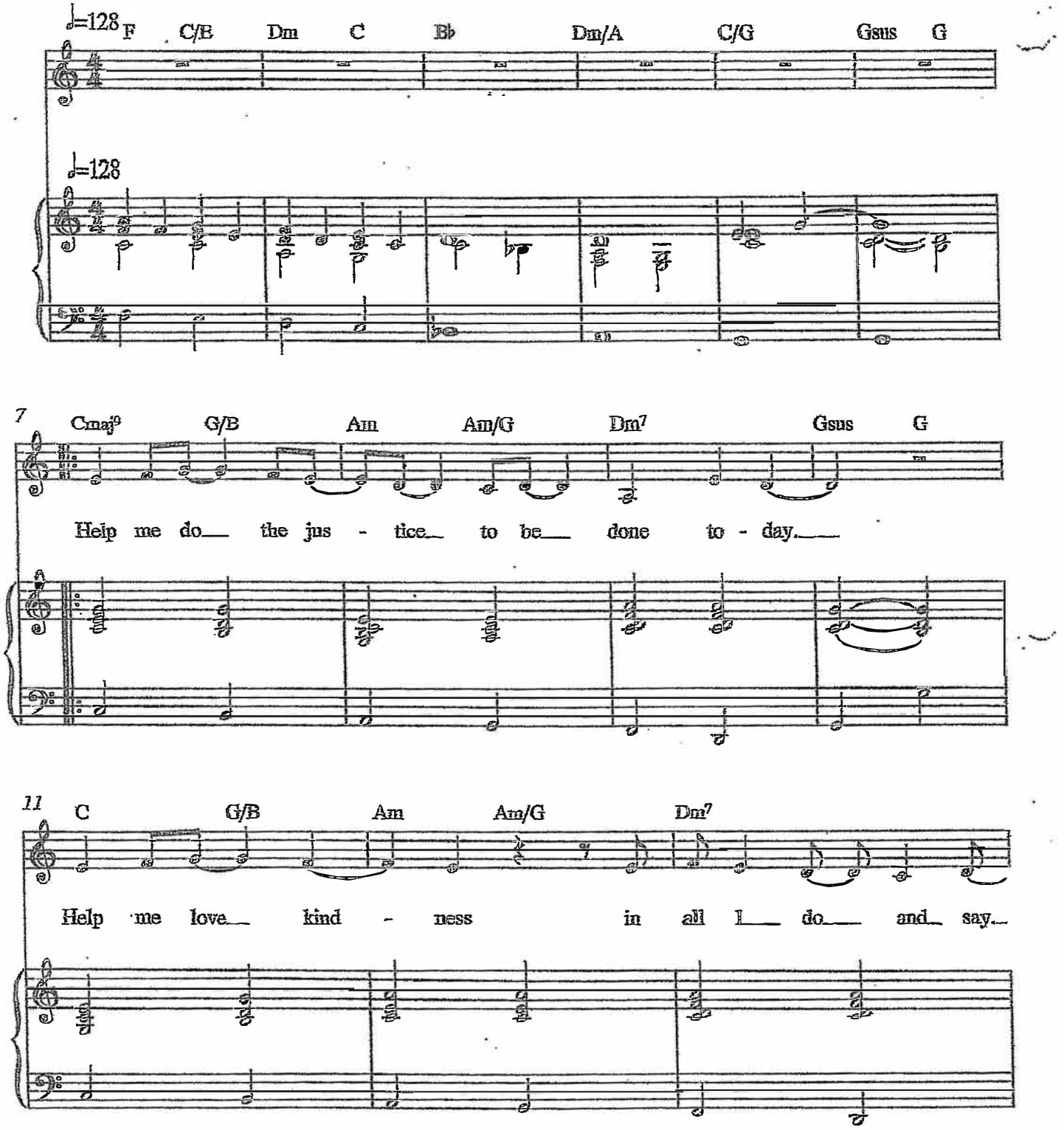
First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces

are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

Every Step of the Way

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F C/E Dm C B♭ Dm/A C/G Gsus G
♩=128
7
Cmaj9 G/B Am Am/G Dm7 Gsus G
Help me do the jus - tice to be done to - day.
11
C G/B Am Am/G Dm7
Help me love kind - ness in all I do and say.

Words and Music: Christopher Grundy
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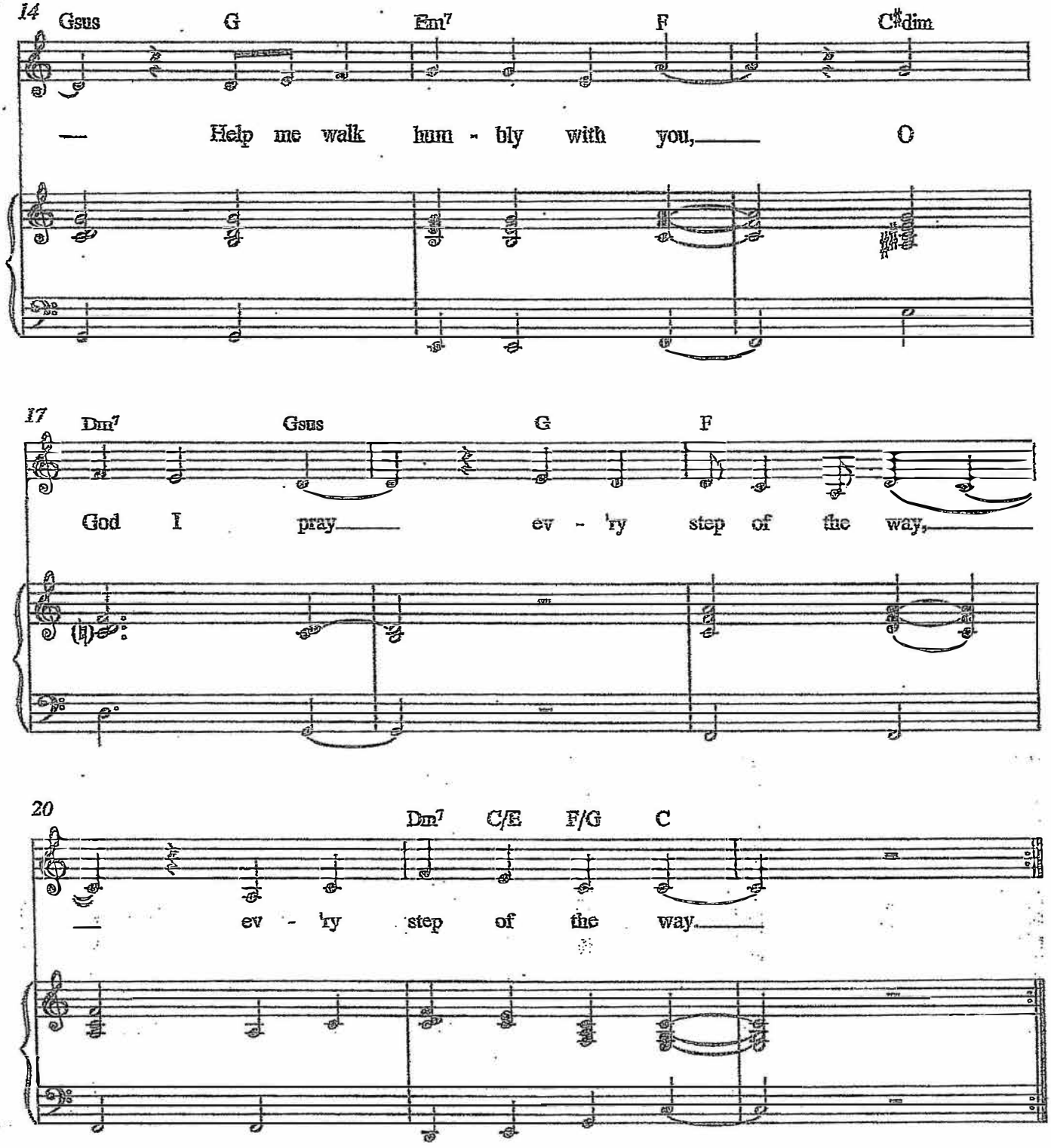
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Gsus
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Em7
F
C♯dim
Help me walk hum - bly with you, O
17
Dm7
Gsus
G
F
God I pray ev - 'ry step of the way,
20
Dm7
C/E
F/G
C
ev - 'ry step of the way.

Mantos y Ramos
(Filled with Excitement)

Matt. 21:6–9; Luke 19:35–38; Mark 11:7; John 12:12–15

Rubén Ruíz Avila, 1972; alt.
Transl. Gertrude C. Suppe, 1979, 1987; alt.

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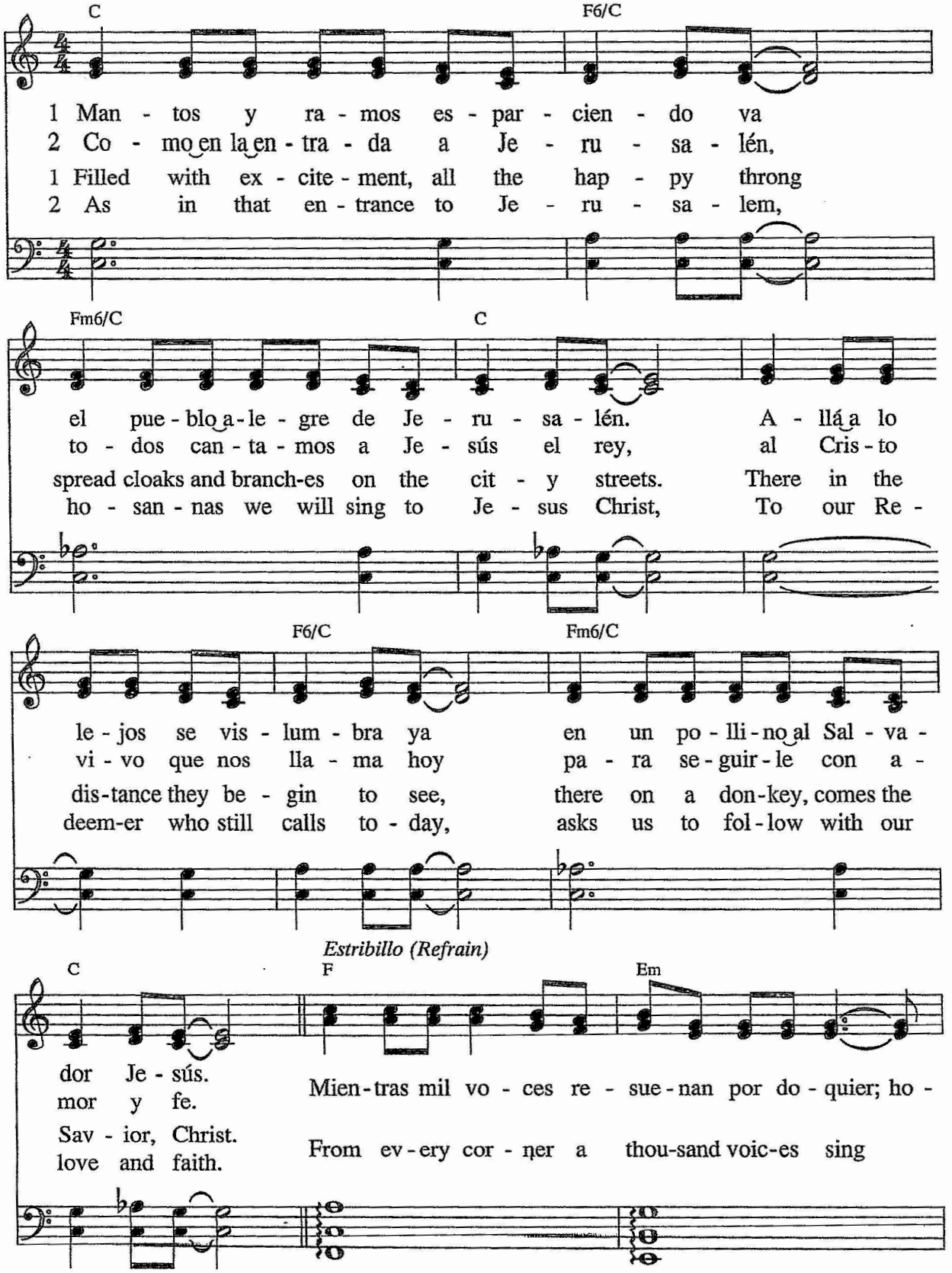
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F6/C
1 Man - tos y ra - mos es - par - cien - do va
2 Co - mo en la en - tra - da a Je - ru - sa - lén,
1 Filled with ex - cite - ment, all the hap - py throng
2 As in that en - trance to Je - ru - sa - lem,
Fm6/C
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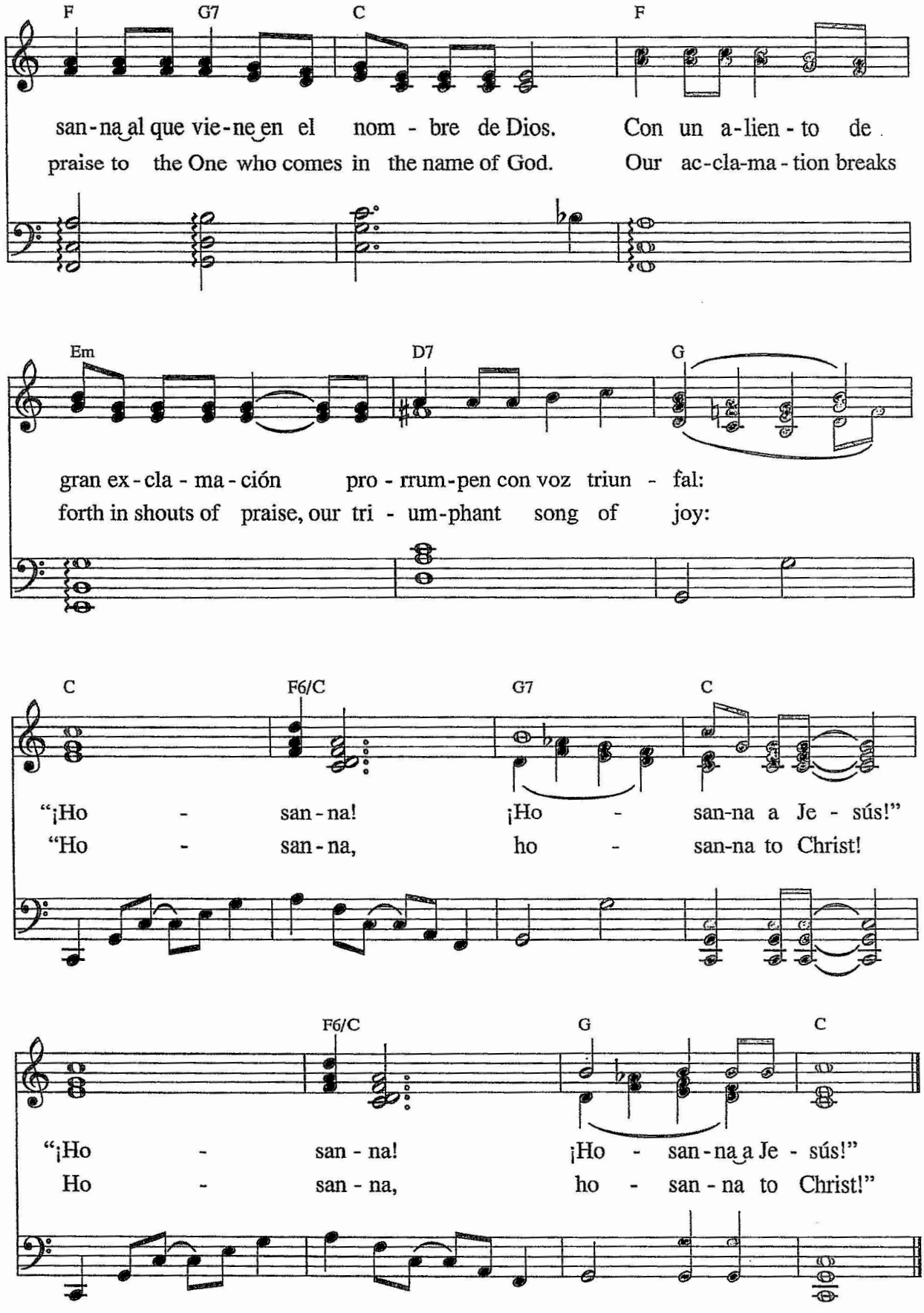
el pue - blo a - le - gre de Je - ru - sa - lén. A - llá a lo
to - dos can - ta - mos a Je - sús el rey, al Cris - to
spread cloaks and branch-es on the cit - y streets. There in the
ho - san - nas we will sing to Je - sus Christ, To our Re -
F6/C
Fm6/C
le - jos se vis - lum - bra ya en un po - lli - no al Sal - va -
vi - vo que nos lla - ma hoy pa - ra se - guir - le con a -
dis-tance they be - gin to see, there on a don-key, comes the
deem-er who still calls to - day, asks us to fol - low with our

Estribillo (Refrain)

C
F
Em
dor Je - sús.
mor y fe.
Sav - ior, Christ.
love and faith.
Mien - tras mil vo - ces re - sue - nan por do - quier; ho -
From ev - ery cor - ner a thou-sand voic-es sing

Mexican church musician Rubén Ruíz Avila composed this hymn for the choir of the United Methodist Church in Covington, Virginia. It was first published in Canciones de Fe y Compromiso *(1978) in the arrangement by Alvin Schutmaat.*

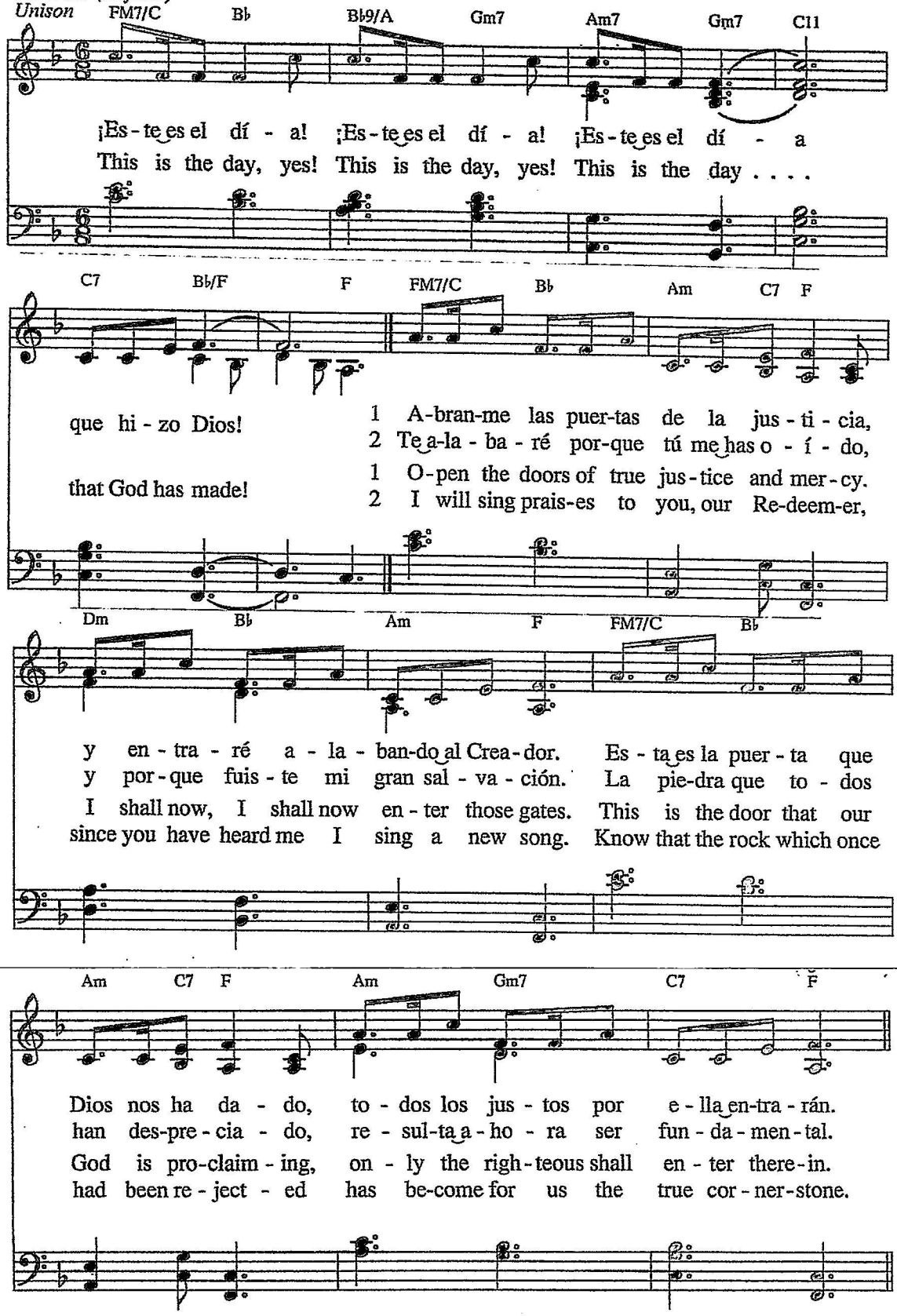
Tune: HOSANNA 10.10.10.10. with refrain
Rubén Ruíz Avila, 1972
Arr. Alvin Schutmaat, 1979

F G7 C F
san-na al que vie-ne en el nom - bre de Dios. Con un a-lien-to de
praise to the One who comes in the name of God. Our ac-cla-ma-tion breaks
Em D7 G
gran ex-cla-ma-ción pro-rrum-pen con voz triun-fal:
forth in shouts of praise, our tri-um-phant song of joy:
C F6/C G7 C
"¡Ho - san-na! ¡Ho - san-na a Je-sús!"
"Ho - san-na, ho - san-na to Christ!
F6/C G C
"¡Ho - san-na! ¡Ho - san-na a Je-sús!"
Ho - san-na, ho - san-na to Christ!"

Este es el día
(This Is the Day)

Ps. 118:19–29

Pablo D. Sosa, 1983; alt.
Transl. Roberto Escamilla and Elise S. Eslinger, 1983

Estribillo (Refrain)
Unison


FM7/C Bb Bb9/A Gm7 Am7 Gm7 C11
¡Es-te es el dí-a! ¡Es-te es el dí-a! ¡Es-te es el dí-a
This is the day, yes! This is the day, yes! This is the day . . . .
C7 Bb/F F FM7/C Bb Am C7 F
que hi-zo Dios!
that God has made!
1 A-bran-me las puer-tas de la jus-ti-cia,
2 Te a-la-ba-ré por-que tú me has o-í-do,
1 O-pen the doors of true jus-tice and mer-cy.
2 I will sing prais-es to you, our Re-deem-er,
Dm Bb Am F FM7/C Bb
y en-tra-ré a-la-ban-do al Crea-dor. Es-ta es la puer-ta que
y por-que fuis-te mi gran sal-va-ción. La pie-dra que to-dos
I shall now, I shall now en-ter those gates. This is the door that our
since you have heard me I sing a new song. Know that the rock which once
Am C7 F Am Gm7 C7 F
Dios nos ha da-do, to-dos los jus-tos por e-lla en-tra-rán.
han des-pre-cia-do, re-sul-ta a-ho-ra ser fun-da-men-tal.
God is pro-claim-ing, on-ly the righ-teous shall en-ter there-in.
had been re-ject-ed has be-come for us the true cor-ner-stone.

The refrain of this Psalm setting from Argentina was inspired by the echoing voices of Gauchos (cowboys) calling to greet each other as they road throughout the fields,

3 Es el Crea-dor quien ha he-cho
to-do es-to;
¡qué ma-ra-vi-lla po-der ver-lo hoy!
Es-te es el dí-a que Dios ha he-cho,
con a-le-grí-a go-ce-mos en él.
(Estribillo)

3 God now has en-tered in, God our Cre-a-tor.
Won-der-ful, won-der-ful is our great God.
This is the day that our Mak-er has of-fered.
Let us re-joice and be glad and sing praise.
(Refrain)

Tune: ESTE ES EL DIA 11.10.11.10. with refrain
Pablo D. Sosa, 1983
Arr. Roberto Milano, 1984

Jesus Is Here Right Now

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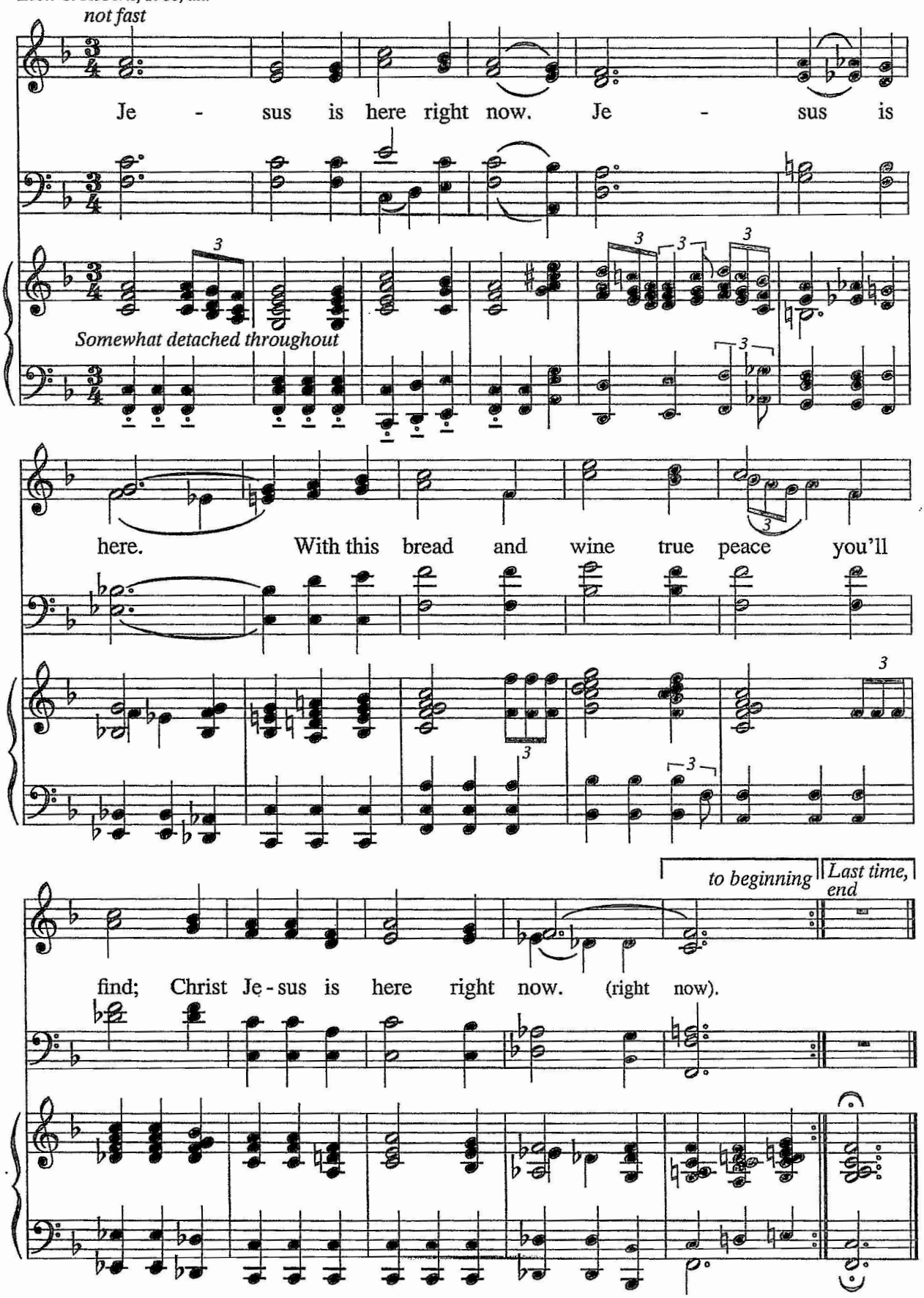
Leon C. Roberts, 1986; alt.

not fast
Je - sus is here right now. Je - sus is
Somewhat detached throughout
here. With this bread and wine true peace you'll
to beginning
Last time, end
find; Christ Je - sus is here right now. (right now).

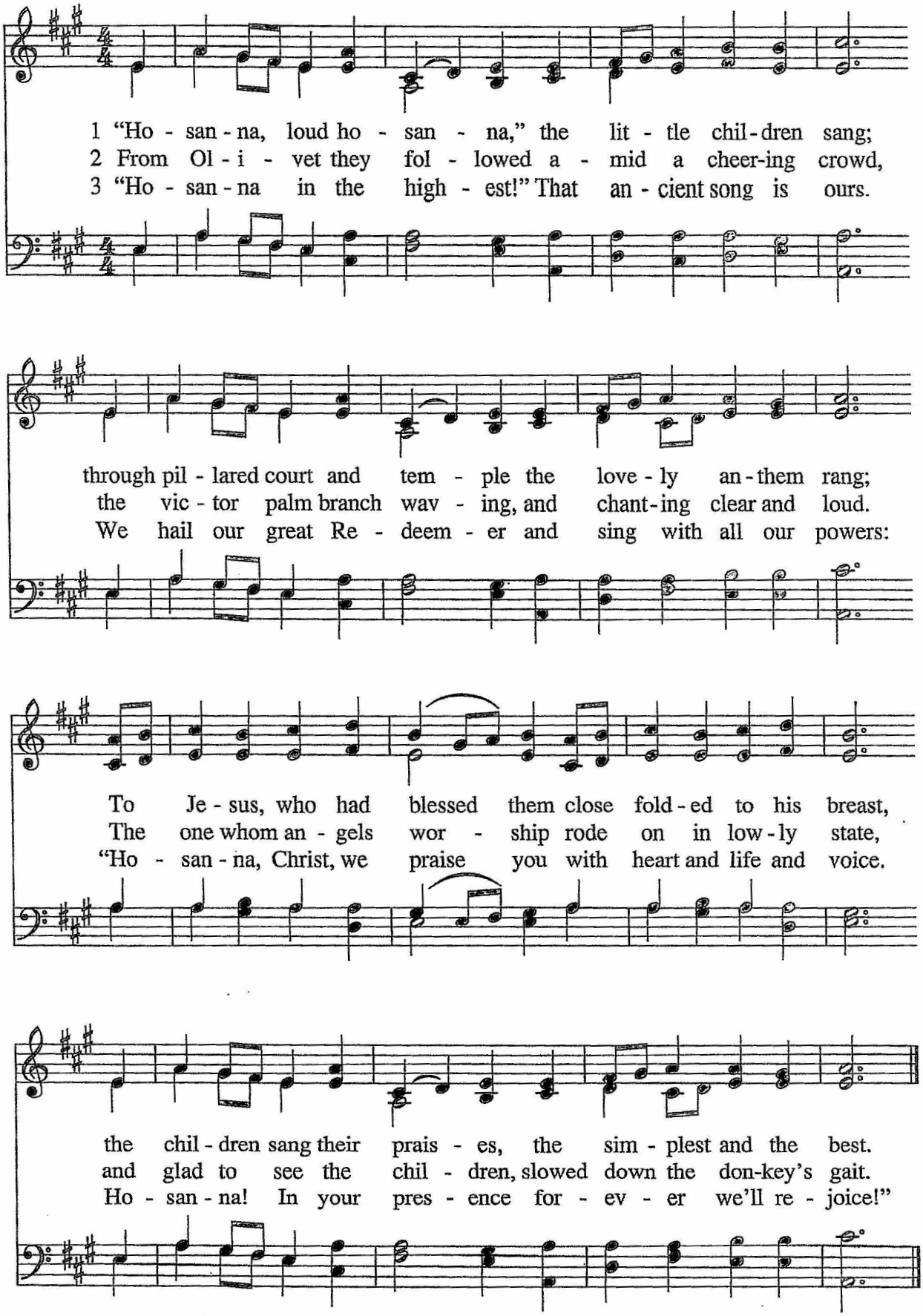
Composer Leon C. Roberts is perhaps best known for his "Mass of St. Augustine" and other liturgical compositions that appear in Lead Me, Guide Me: The African-American Catholic Hymnal. *His work is greatly influenced by priest and composer Clarence Joseph Rivers.*

Tune: JESUS IS HERE 6.4.5.4.6.
Leon C. Roberts, 1986

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Jennette Threlfall, 1873; alt.

Mark 11:8–10; Matt. 21:15


1 "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer-ing crowd,
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,
and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don-key's gait.
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.
We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:
"Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.
Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"

Jennette Threlfall of England, who was disabled by two accidents, wrote hymns that inspired hope and courage in others. This text was published in her collection Sunshine and Shadow.

Tune: ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
Gesangbuch der herzoglichen Wirtembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle, *1784*